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Dear Professor Uetake;

I am writing you now with a troubled conscience, and wish to offer my most abject apologies for not having kept in closer touch with you. I regret that I must confess that I have not, until now, been able to give further consideration to the revision of your excellent manuscript, and regret that I have thus been responsible for delaying its publication.

While during the summer, I had the free time to work on it, I received your final comments only at the beginning of September, when I had to return to Madison. And I can only say that since then I have been so swamped with other responsibilities that your manuscript simply lay on my desk as a constant reproach.

However, I have just gone over it again, and the result seems entirely satisfactory. I think I will be able to incorporate the remarks of your letter dated August 24 into the existing manuscript. As soon as these are typed up, I will send the ms. to the Journal. I hope after all this effort that there will be no hesitation about its being accepted. I will try to explain the circumstances to Dr. Porter to make up for the delay as much as possible.

There will be an opportunity for some further revision during the next several weeks. If you have completed the experiments mentioned as 2) and 3) after your added discussion of VIII, page 11, I would urge you to include the details. Also, I realize that it may be foolish to press you on such a routine matter, but for page 14: "4)", can you give a more quantitative statement than "a small number of phages from *S. canoga*...." and "These processes were repeated through several serial passages." I would say these points are not vital for the paper, but would be useful for an exact repetition of the experiments.

With regard to page 18-19, 15) I still think your abbreviated summary is far preferable in the present paper. I should say that the Journal of Bacteriology considers manuscripts without regard to whether the author is a member of the Society. You should not feel that this is a unique opportunity, though it was my opinion that your work especially should be brought to the attention of American bacteriologists. Of course, there are some difficulties in completing editorial work at such a distance. However, may I invite you to become a member of the Society? I realize that you may have difficulties with foreign exchange, and I have to mention that dues are \$12.00 per year! This includes, however, subscriptions to both the Journal of Bacteriology and Bacteriological Reviews.

I will be pleased to hear from you on the matters mentioned in the preceding two paragraphs; I will endeavor to keep you informed on the editorial status of the paper,

Yours sincerely,

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